

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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**FEBRUARY 25, 2003**

**FROM:** J. RENÉE BASTIAN, Clerk of the Board  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**SUBJECT:** CHINO VALLEY INDEPENDENT FIRE DISTRICT – ELECTION  
CONSOLIDATION

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) Note receipt of Resolution No. 2003-01, of Chino Valley Independent Fire District seeking approval of request for consolidation of the District election with the statewide general election held in November of each even-numbered year.
- 2) Refer to and authorize services of the Registrar of Voters to conduct impact analysis.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Special Districts, such as Chino Valley Independent Fire District, hold their governing board elections in November of odd-numbered years. Health & Safety Code section 13886 authorizes a Fire Protection District to require that its governing board election be held on the same day as the statewide general election, that is, in November of each even-numbered year. Such an action must be taken pursuant to Elections Code section 10404, which requires the District to adopt a resolution making such a request and to submit the resolution to the Board of Supervisors. The resolution becomes operative upon approval by this Board, pursuant to the provisions of Elections Code section 10404. On February 5, 2003, the governing board of the Chino Valley Independent Fire District passed such a resolution and submitted it to the Board of Supervisor.

Election Code section 10404 requires the Registrar of Voters to conduct an impact analysis addressing issues of cost and capacity of the current system to accommodate the increased usage and the Clerk of the Board to send a notice to all special districts in the County requesting their input on the effects of the consolidation.

It should be noted that the Elections Code specifically states: "The Board of Supervisors, within 60 days from the date of submission, shall approve the resolution unless it finds that the ballot style, voting equipment, or computer capacity is such that additional elections or materials cannot be handled." The Board of Supervisors has until April 15, 2003 to act on the request of the Chino Valley Independent Fire District.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** This item has been reviewed by Scott Konopasek, Registrar of Voters, (February 18, 2003) and Daniel B. Haueter, Chief Deputy County Counsel (February 18, 2003) and Robert Jocks, Deputy County Counsel (February 18, 2003).

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** Not known at this time

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S):** All

**PRESENTER:** J. Reneé Bastian, 387-3843

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